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1. During the night of 3 January 1955, 20 tanks and several armored personnel carriers and trucks passed through Klein-Kuehnau just west of Dessau. The vehicles came from the direction of Dessau and proceeded toward the drill ground west of the Dessau airfield. Eight of the tanks were T-34/85 tanks without muzzle brake. Five of the tanks had no turrets and 7 tanks were described as follows: five bogie wheels similar to T-34 tanks, a gun of approximately 100 mm caliber without muzzle brake; turtle-shaped turret, lower than that of a T-34 tank and somewhat more to the rear: 2 hatches.

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On 4 January, the vehicles were seen training at the drill ground. Between 1100 and 2000 on 8 January, the same armored personnel carriers and trucks returned in small groups.

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Soldiers observed with the column wore red-bordered black epaulets. They repeatedly asked for the road to Rosslau.²

2. Between 5 and 8 January, the Jueterbog training area (3209) was restricted. During this period, an AT unit fired in the Forst Zinna training area near Luckenwalde. Weapons and vehicles observed included: 100-mm AT guns, which fired at tow targets from a distance of approximately 800 meters; tractors and trucks

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On 9 January, 30 AT gun emplacements which showed the imprints of double tires were seen in the training area.³

3. On 7 January, 4 M-13 rocket launchers fired near Stalag I (3321) in Luckenwalde.⁴

1. Comment. This is the first observation of tanks of the new type (T-54s?) with the 7th Gds Tank Div in Dessau-Rosslau. new-type tanks arrived in Dessau on 4 November.

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2. Comment. It is believed ~~that, in connection with the personnel~~ exchange, new training personnel ~~were transferred to the 7th Gds Tank~~ Div: it appeared therefore that ~~the soldiers were not familiar with~~ the locality. 25X1
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3. Comment. the unit concerned belonged 25X1
to the 14th Gds Mech Div of the Third Gds Mecz Army. This assumption 25X1
is supported by the fact that no movements from other army areas were
observed during the period concerned.
4. Comment. The rocket launchers probably belonged to the 91st 25X1
Gds RL Regt of the Third Gds Mecz Army stationed in Stalag I in
Luckenwalde.

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